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SUBJECT: SAHARA NOTES: OAU, QADHAFI, AND US

1. OFFICIAL PRESS REPORTS 11 FEB THAT OAU SEC GEN ETEKI
10 FEB RECEIVED POLISARIO DELEGATION. FOLLOWING MEETING
ETEKI REPORTED TO HAVE STATED THAT CURRENT TENSION IN
REGION SUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY OAU ROLE IN FINDING SOLUTION;
HE QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "PROBLEM IS APPLICATION OF
PRINCIPLE" OF FREE EXPRESSION OF VIEWS OF SAHARAN PEOPLE.

2. POLIARIO SPOKESMAN QUOTED AS SAYING THAT ETEKI HAD "CONVOKED"
POLISARIO DELEGATION AS "CONCERNED PARTY". SPOKESMAN STATED KEY
TO SITUATION IS TO DETERMINE UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES
RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION CAN BE APPLIED, AND GAVE
POLISARIO'S THREE CONDITIONS:

A. TOTAL AND IMMEDIATE EVACUATION BY FOREIGN FORCES OF
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B. RETURN TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF MOROCCAN POPULATION
TRANSPLANTED BY FORCE TO SAHARA AND THEIR REPLACEMENT BY
SAHRAOUI;

C. RETURN OF "OUR PEOPLE" TO THEIR HOMES.

3. PRESS ALSO REPORTS RECENT POLISARIO ATTACKS OR
HARASSMENT AGAINST SMARA, FARSIA, JDIRIA AND AUSERT
(WHERE RANKING MOROCCAN OFFICER ALLEGEDLY KILLED.)

4. FRENCH LANGUAGE DAILY ALSO REPORTS FOLLOWING
QADHAFI COMMENTS MADE 10 FEB IN WHICH HE:

A. ACCUSED FRENCH GOVERNMENT OF "MERCANTILISM" IN SALE
OF ARMS ABROAD;

B. ACCUSED MOROCCO OF "ABSTAINING FROM WAR OF LIBERATION
LED BY POLISARIO" -- "TO WHICH I FURNISHED ARMS" -- AND
OF UNLEASHING "ATROCIOUS REPRESSION" AGAINST SAHRAOUI;

C. EXPRESSED HIS TWO PRIORITY PREOCCUPATIONS IN SAHARA:
TERMINATION OF CURRENT GENOCIDE AND GIVING POLISARIO/
SAHRAOUI THEIR SAY;

D. STATED THAT CURRENT ALGERIAN-LIBYAN DISCUSSIONS
LEADING TO "FUSION" BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, IMPLYING IN
RESPONSE TO QUESTION THAT THIS LONG-TERM EFFORT.

5. US RECEIVED ITS USUAL GENERAL RAPS, WITH ARTICLES DEVOTED TO
LOCKHEED PAYOFFS, TO SALE OF C-130S TO EGYPT AS PART
AMERICAN-EGYPTIAN COOPERATION, AND TO US PRESSURE ON
BRAZIL AS EXEMPLIFIED BY SECRETARY'S LATIN AMERICAN TRIP.
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